

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the amendments and arguments herewith, is respectfully requested.

I. Status of the Claims

Claim 1 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Claims 2-11 have been added and do not present new matter.

Claims 2-11 are pending.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,921,721 to Hintze et al. The Examiner asserts that Hintze et al. discloses all of the claimed elements set forth in claim 1 and is identical to the invention as broadly recited. According to the Examiner, the claimed elements disclosed by Hintze include an insert body having a corner cutting edge (13), a major cutting edge (12), and a recessed portion (14).

In response, claim 1 has been cancelled, rendering the rejection moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Further, Applicants submit that the Hintze et al. discloses a cutting insert designed specifically for turning operations, such as inward turning, outward turning, and cylindrical turning, and does not disclose a main body that is *rotatable* about an axis of rotation.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that claims 2-11 are in condition for allowance and is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed. If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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